

Notes of the meeting with Minister Foley re Prison Project infrastructure, rating and metropolitan bus held on Wednesday, 16 July 2008.

PRESENT: Minister Foley
Mr Adrian Pederick
Mr David Altmann
Mr Bob England

GOVERNMENT'S POSITION:

1. Infrastructure

Stormwater, road access and intersection of Bremer and Adelaide Roads.

- Council has strong argument re lights, access etc
- It should not be Council's responsibility
- It should be completed before construction

2. Rates

- A clear "no" from the Government.
- If Crown says yes he will change legislation.

3. Metropolitan Bus

- There will be no public transport metro ticket service.
- Possibility that it could be expanded to public via industrial service
- An analysis is to be undertaken
- Minister advised he would come back to Council re bus service
- There were other ways to assist he thought
- Minister assured Council he was not closing off on investigating this issue and would look at some creative ways to solve the problems
- In closing, he stated there would be some scope for assistance

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Minister Kevin Foley
Deputy Premier
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Dear Minister,

Re: Mobilong Prison Expansion

Thank you for meeting with Adrian Pederick, Member for Hammond, David Altmann, CEO of the Rural City of Murray Bridge, and myself on 16 July 2008.

We appreciated your time and your willingness to listen to our issues and your offer to work with us.

We note the following response and commitments:

Rates

SA Government does not support rating of State owned facilities based on Crown Law advice. Council notes this advice and will respond in due course.

Infrastructure

We note your advice that Council has a good argument regarding the upgrading of Bremer Road and the intersection of Bremer and Adelaide Roads and that this work is to be done prior to the construction of the prison by SA Government as part of Prison Project. You asked your advisors to work expeditiously on this matter and actively keep Council informed.

Metropolitan Bus

SA Government view there will be no metropolitan service but is willing to work with Transport SA and Council and consider various options to expand the proposed "industrial type" service regarding some creative ways to address community and public transport needs of Murray Bridge. You advised your staff to work with Council on this and bring back advice to Minister and Council but were willing to help investigate options.

Rural City of Murray Bridge/State Government Corrections Precinct Report

Council tabled this report, commissioned by the SA Government and Council, which was adopted in early 2008 and provides research, investigations, community engagement and recommendations of the various headings brought forward by Council to the SA Government over recent months.

Minister, we appreciated your time and willingness to assist us where you can, to work with us, and to further respond as outlined above.

Yours faithfully,

Cr. Bob England
ACTING MAYOR